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BRITISH-MARCONI WIRELESS CHAIN

Poulsen Claim of Honolulu-San Francisco Day Communication Investigated

In the November number of the Marconigraph, a wireless telegraphy magazine published in London, there is a report of a debate in the House of Commons on the agreement between the government and the Marconi company for the installation of a chain of wireless stations throughout the empire. It was especially interesting for the manner in which Postmaster-General Samuel disposed of the reports insinuating corruption in connection with the contract. One of the press correspondents in the gallery wrote: "Never in the history of the House of Commons has there been a more shattering and more crushing reply to odious calumnies."

In answer to a member who referred to the advance in Marconi stock during the time that the contract was in negotiation and within a few months after it was published, Mr. Samuel asked the member if he was aware that a dividend of 20 per cent. was being paid by the company that year. The member did not know that fact before. There was a dead silence when the postmaster-general challenged any member to repeat the charges that had been insinuated.

Referring to a statement that the Poulsen system had been able to maintain communication between San Francisco and Honolulu, a distance of 5,000 miles, Mr. Samuel—after a digression to tell how it took Marconi seven years, with the expenditure of great sums of money, to succeed in maintaining continuous communication across the Atlantic by day—said that as soon as he knew that the Poulsen people had established any communication of that nature he sent an adviser from the postoffice to San Francisco to test it, "and there is no evidence," he continued, "that they can maintain that long distance by day."

Discussion of the Poulsen system was owing to criticism of the government for seeming haste in making a contract with the Marconi company while other systems were undergoing testing and new devices in wireless telegraphy were ever and again cropping up. Samuel's defense to this criticism was that the Marconi company had had more experience than any other wireless concern, also that the demands of imperial defense required prompt action. In the latter connection, he announced toward the end of his speech that he was going to do something unusual. The most secret body in England, not excepting the cabinet, was the committee of imperial defense, and he had the permission of the prime minister to divulge a secret of that body, as such grave allegations had been made in this matter. Forthwith he gave a history of the action of the committee in the matter, showing that as long ago as May 31, 1911, a sub-committee considered this question of long range wireless stations. On December 14 the matter was discussed before the committee of imperial defense itself, and the members strongly advocated the urgency of carrying out that work. Then it became up to him to decide whether the country ought to wait for a period—certainly of a year—before the contract should be made, and there was no certainty that at the end of that year the stations would communicate at all. It was merely a speculation and a gamble.

"Suppose by any evil chance," said Mr. Samuel, "a year or two had gone by and this country had unhappily been engaged in some European war. We have never had any great naval war in the days of electrical communication. The cables would very possibly have been cut, and large sections of our empire might have been isolated from other sections. There would have been no means of giving orders from the garrisons, and no means of obtaining news." He went on to say that the nation would then be asking where were its wireless stations and the British Empire had no wireless stations. Finally the world would be asking why the postmaster-general, whose duty it was, did not do it, and this is the answer Mr. Samuel quoted: "Because the experts were arguing as to whether this system was a little better than that system, and as to whether they could not save ten thousand pounds here and ten thousand pounds there."

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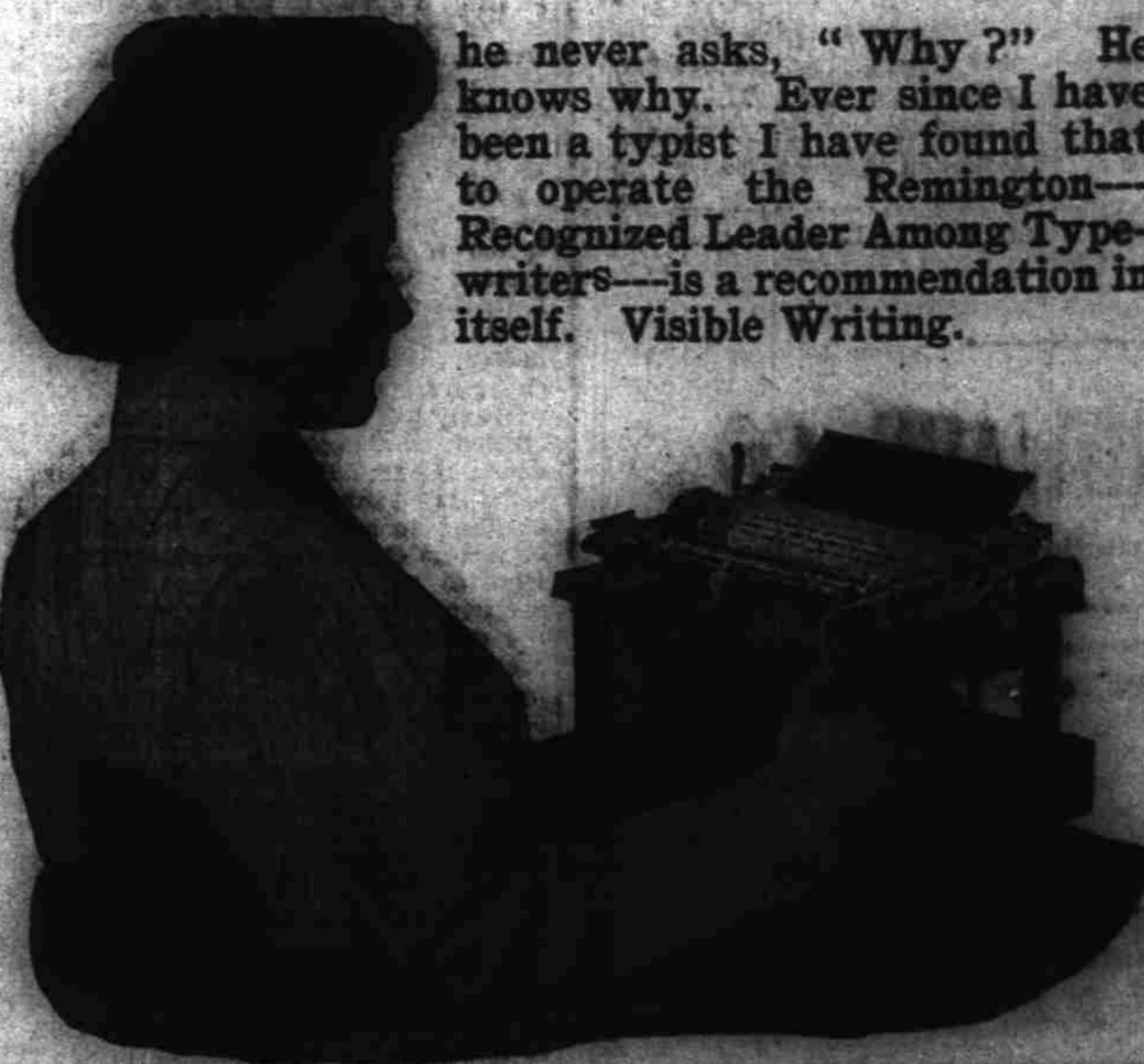
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CHARTER REVISION

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tics. Bryan said that "Politics is the science of government." Certainly that is the theory on which every man should act.

"I have yet to attend any political meeting addressed by a speaker with a real message presenting facts and constructive ideas, at which the speaker was not given a respectful hearing and his ideas thoughtful consideration."

"All this detail of personal experience furnishes some of the reasons for my firm conviction that any charter for the City and County of Honolulu for the future must be based upon to be a success must be based upon the inspiration from confidence in the People. Municipal government must be considered as an organization for the better administration of public affairs, and not as a necessary but very painful evil. Talk charter revision and revise the charter all you please, if this talk and this two charter framing is forever hedged by a lack of confidence in your fellow citizens, if morsels are given here and there like bones to the dogs, it is a waste of time, it is self-deception, it is a mistake from every standpoint."

"You and I don't believe that a higher standard of community responsibility can be promoted by a charter that negates so far as possible the local government to responsibilities in taxation and bonding for public works while leaving the door wide open for an increase of salaries up to the limit of taxes that are handed over to the municipal officers. That is the weakest point in our present day charter."

"Experience has taught, in my judgment, that any charter for Honolulu should include the recall. I don't believe this will be abused, and it will serve as a whip over the heads of any who might feel that they are in for two years and can go it wild."

"When deliberating on a form of government that will center responsibility in four or five elective officers do not fail to recall the original municipal charter which followed the then prevalent theory of centering executive responsibility in the mayor. The wrong mayor was elected and the law was changed. The charter should be of a character that does not give men the first consideration in the form of the charter. Draw one that is well workable with the average efficient man in office, and make the way possible for the prompt removal by the people of the wrong man, if he happens to get into office."

"In other words, when studying the forms of government, don't forget to gain a knowledge of your own people. Know your own town. Get out among

the people and learn the desires and the ambitions of some other persons than yourself and some other circles than your own. Go straight to the people for suggestions. And by that I mean all the people."

"Don't forget the political precinct club. I wish some of the people who complain of 'too much politics' and snort with scorn when the precinct club is mentioned, could attend some of the meetings in the workmen's precincts, meetings and organizations that constitute the only organization having to do with public affairs, in which these men feel that they have a part."

"It is easy enough to secure forms of charters. Real work is involved in shaping public opinion along progressive lines by a process of kindly leadership backed by determination of purpose. I believe in charter revision that puts this community in touch with the best of modern American methods adaptable to our conditions and acceptable to our people."

"There must, of course, be a central charter commission to propose the scheme. I should consider the work of such a commission decidedly incomplete if either the members or those in sympathy with its work failed to go abroad into the precinct meeting and every other moving possible, as missionaries spreading the gospel of efficiency, telling the people plain truths and at the same time gaining through personal contact and discussion the view point of the man who works, the man who is seldom heard from, but the man whose vote controls the eventual result."

"Commission government has not always been a success. It does represent in many instances a practical method for working out high ideals in public administration. Those who believe in their country, those willing to work as General Macomb has phrased it, 'For the love of Honolulu,' those who believe in their fellow men are in duty bound to study the new form of government and lend their energy to give its substance in legal responsibility and administration efficiency always remembering that in more than one walk of life and in more than one social and religious circle: they find the noblest work of God—an honest man."

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